

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from ~~command~~ and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default information;

a panel section configured to input information regarding an identification of a user into the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not input by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is input, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 2. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 3. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 4. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the information regarding the identification of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 5. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 6. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including ~~a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information, information regarding an identification of a user being information other than the default information inputable~~, the method comprising:

setting the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not input; and

setting the information regarding the identification of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is input, whereby opening, at the receiving

apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 7. (original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 8. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit an image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a ~~mail from command~~ and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document;

a memory configured to store default information;

a panel section configured to input information regarding an identification of a user into the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not input by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is input, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 9. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 10. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including ~~a mail from command and a mail message, an image data being attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information, information regarding an identification of a user being information other than the default information inputable~~, the method comprising:

setting the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not input;

setting the information regarding the identification of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is input, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 11. (original) The method according to claim 10, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.